EASTERN GHATS PREMIUM JOURNEY

# The Grand *Ghat Odyssey*

*Visakhapatnam to ArakuValley & Beyond—Where Every Curve Reveals a New World*

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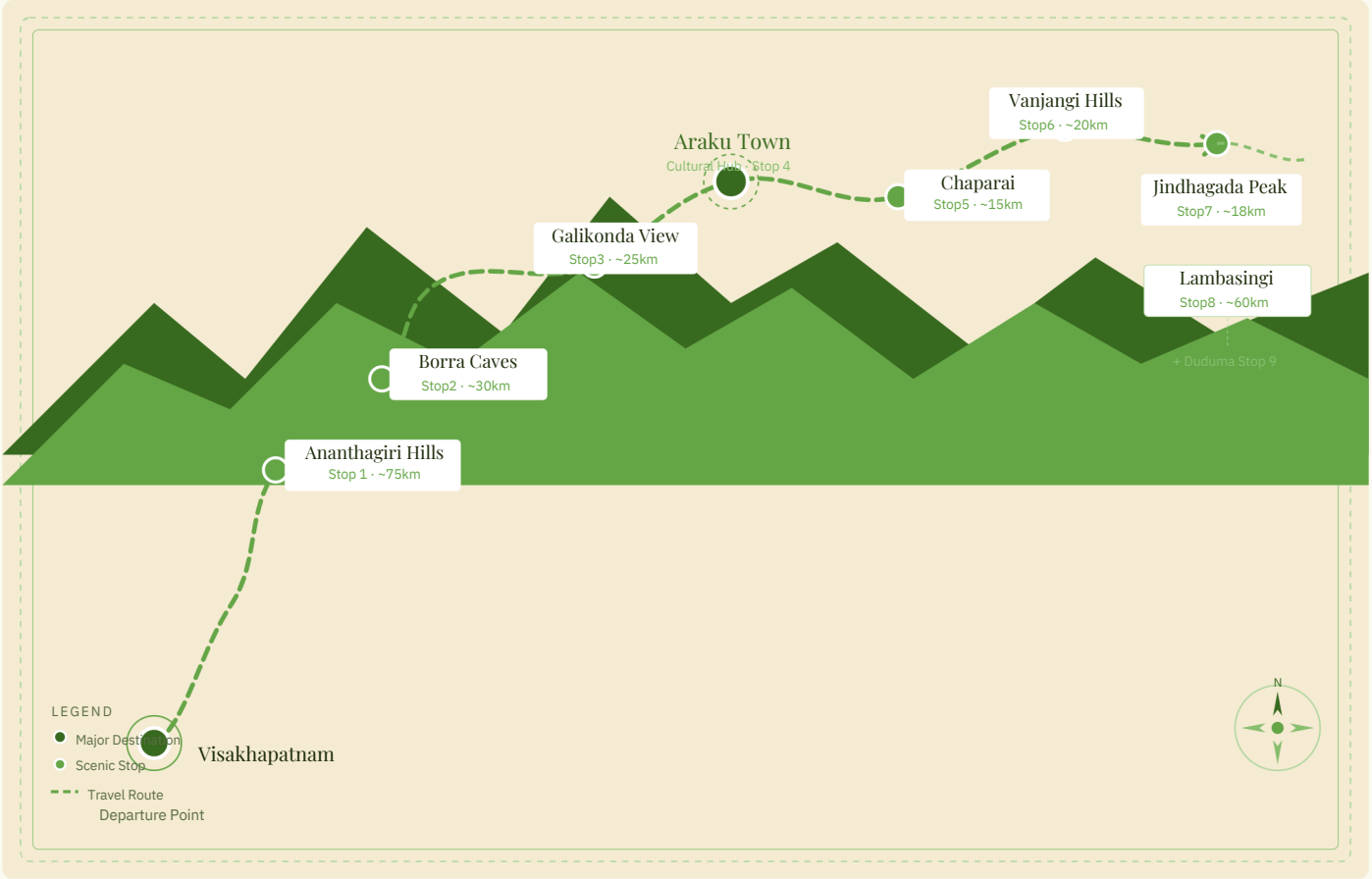
| SIGNATURE STOPS | KILOMETRES | PEAK ELEVATION | MEMORIES |

BEGIN THE JOURNEY ↓

THE COMPLETE ROUTE

# Your Odyssey Map

*Nine legendary stops.One unforgettable road through the heart of the Eastern Ghats.*

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Nine legendary stops connected by one scenic road through the heart of the Eastern Ghats. Start from Visakhapatnam and experience hills, waterfalls, valleys, and unforgettable views.

THE ASCENT

# 01

≈ 75 km from Visakhapatnam

# Ananthagiri Hills & Waterfalls

*Where the Ghats first reveal their grandeur*

STOP ONE

## The Gateway to the Ghats

As you leave the coast behind and begin the climb into the Eastern Ghats, Ananthagiri emerges like a painting come alive — coffee-scented mists drifting between towering trees, and cascading waterfalls that announce this is no ordinary landscape. The waterfalls here do not just fall; they *thunder*, carving silver paths through ancient basalt as if writing the opening chapter of your odyssey.

PRO TIP

*Visit post-monsoon (September–November) for the most powerful waterfall flow. Carry waterproof footwear — the trail to the base can be slippery. Early mornings offer ethereal mist photography opportunities.*

Best for Sunrise | Photography Hotspot | Nature Trail | Family Friendly

UNDERGROUND MARVEL

# 02

STOP TWO

## Into the Earth's Memory

Borra Caves are not merely geological formations — they are cathedrals sculpted by time itself, over a million years in the making. The stalagmites and stalactites arrange themselves into shapes that local tribal lore has long identified as divine. Just kilometres away, Katiki Waterfalls plunge 50 metres into a jungle gorge — one of the Ghats' best-kept secrets.

PRO TIP

*Borra Caves are illuminated beautifully — a guided tour is mandatory and takes 45–60 minutes. For Katiki Waterfalls, hire a local guide; the 2 km forest trail is unmarked. Carry a torch.*

Hidden Gem · Adventure Zone · Geological Wonder

≈ 30 km from Ananthagiri

## Borra Caves & Katiki Waterfalls

*A million-year-old underworld awaits*



Borra Caves and Katiki Waterfalls offer ancient cave wonders and refreshing waterfall adventures where a million-year-old underworld awaits.

THE HIGH POINTS

# 03

25 km from Borra Caves

## Galikonda View Point

*The Eastern Ghats laid bare at your feet*

STOP THREE

## Standing Above the World

At over 1,000 metres above sea level, Galikonda is the point where the Ghats stop pretending to be hills and reveal their true mountain soul. The 360-degree panorama here — layer upon layer of forested ridgelines dissolving into the horizon — makes travellers go silent.

PRO TIP

*Arrive between 6:00–7:30 AM for cloud-sea visibility. Evenings offer dramatic golden-hour light on the valley below. Wind speeds can be high — a light jacket is recommended year-round.*

Best for Sunrise | Couple Favourite | Photography



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Galikonda View Point is one of the highest and most scenic viewpoints near Araku, offering breathtaking valley and hill views. Best visited during sunrise or early morning for cool weather, misty landscapes, and stunning photos.

CULTURAL HUB

# 04

STOP FOUR

## The Soul of the Eastern Ghats

Araku Valley is where the journey finds its centre of gravity. The Coffee Museum tells the story of a world-class specialty crop grown by tribal communities at this altitude — Araku coffee has been served in Michelin-starred restaurants in Paris. The Tribal Museum is an extraordinary archive of living culture. Padmapuram Gardens brings families and couples alike to a standstill.

**PRO TIP**

*Allow a full half-day for Araku Town. Do not leave without purchasing Araku Coffee directly from a tribal cooperative. The Dhimsa tribal dance performances are typically held in the evenings near the market area.*

Family Friendly | Cultural Experience | Premium Stay Nearby | Must Visit

≈ 20 km from Galikonda

## Araku Town

— The Heartbeat

*Coffee, Culture & Tribal Soul*

WATER CASCADES

# 05

≈ 15 km from Araku Town

## Chaparai Cascade & Rana Jilleda

*Nature's amphitheatres of water and stone*

STOP FIVE

## Where Rivers Perform

Chaparai WaterCascade is theGhatsat their most playful — water gliding over smooth black rocks in natural flumes, creating a series of pools that invite you to wade in and let the mountains wash over you. Nearby, Rana Jilleda Waterfalls reward those who venture further, framed by dense bamboo forest.

PRO TIP

*Chaparai is ideal for a picnic stop — ArakuTrip's food delivery service can arrange a packed meal to this exact spot. Best visited mid-morning before crowds arrive.*

Couple Favourite · Picnic Perfect · Swimming Spot



Chaparai Waterfalls is a popular natural stream spot near Araku, known for smooth rock formations and flowing water. It is ideal for relaxing, enjoying nature, and spending time with family, especially during monsoon and winter seasons.

CLOUD LANDS

# 06

STOP SIX

## Walking into the Clouds

Sunrise here, when the entire valley below vanishes into a white ocean of mist while you stand on the peak with warm tea in hand, is the kind of moment that redefines what travel means. Meghalu Vanjangi — the clouds of Vanjangi — is a phrase that Eastern Ghats travellers whisper like a secret.

PRO TIP

*A 4:00 AM departure from Araku Town is required for sunrise cloud-sea views. The road is narrow — only experienced hill drivers should navigate it. Carry hot beverages; temperatures drop sharply before dawn.*

Best for Sunrise | Hidden Gem | Photographer's Paradise

≈ 20 km from Chaparai

## Vanjangi Hills — Meghalu

*The village that sleeps among the clouds*



Vanjangi Hills is famous for its breathtaking sunrise views above the clouds, making it one of the most stunning hill destinations near Araku. Best visited early morning for misty landscapes, cool weather, and an unforgettable trekking experience.

PEAK EXPERIENCE

# 07

≈ 18 km from Vanjangi

# Jindhagada Peak & Balda Cave

*The summit of the Eastern Ghats*

STOP SEVEN

## The Highest Point

Jindhagada is thecrownof the Eastern Ghats — the highest peak in the Andhra Pradesh stretch of the range. The trek to the summit is demanding but transformative. Below it lies Balda Cave, a natural rock formation sacred to local tribal communities, visited by few and remembered by all.

PRO TIP

*Trek only with a local guide — the trail is unmarked and forested. Wear sturdy trekking shoes and carry at least 2 litres of water. Best season: October through February.*

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Jindhagada Peak is the highest peak in Andhra Pradesh, surrounded by dense forests and scenic Eastern Ghats landscapes. It is a great destination for trekking, adventure lovers, and nature enthusiasts seeking breathtaking hill views.

STOP EIGHT

# The Kashmir of Andhra

Lambasingi wears its nickname — the Kashmir of Andhra Pradesh — without pretension. In winter months, temperatures plunge to near-freezing, and frost settles on the apple orchards and spice plantations. Nearby Kothapalli Waterfalls cascade through a deep forested gorge, reached by a short jungle walk.

PRO TIP

*November–February is peak season for cold and frost. Book accommodation well in advance. Carry heavy woolens for overnight stays. Local apple and strawberry products are exceptional.*

Premium Stay Nearby

Winter Destination

Family Friendly

WINTER CAPITAL

08

≈ 60 km from Jindhagada

## Lambasingi & Kothapalli Falls

*Andhra Pradesh's answer to Shimla*

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Lambasingi is famously known as Andhra Pradesh's answer to Shimla, celebrated for its chilly weather, misty mornings, and serene hill landscapes. Nearby Kothapalli Falls adds to the charm with refreshing natural beauty, making it a perfect nature getaway.

DEEP BORDERS

# 09

≈ 80 km from Lambasingi

## Duduma & Chitrakote Falls

*Where Andhra meets Odisha in thunderous glory*

STOP NINE — GRAND FINALE

## TheThundering Curtain

Duduma Waterfall marks the majestic final chapter — a 175-metre cascade on the Machkund River that roars with the full force of the Eastern Ghats' collected waters, straddling the border of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha. Chitrakote, the Niagara of India, rounds out this final stretch with its horseshoe formation.

PRO TIP

*The road to Duduma involves a steep descent — only experienced hill drivers or ArakuTrip vehicles. Monsoon season (July–September) offers the most dramatic waterfall volume but road conditions require extra caution.*

Adventure Zone | Grand Finale | Waterfall Wonder



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Duduma Falls is a majestic waterfall surrounded by hills and forests, perfect for nature lovers and scenic views. Chitrakote Falls is known as the Niagara of India, famous for its wide waterfall and breathtaking beauty.

IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES

# Things To Do in Araku

*Beyond the viewpoints and waterfalls—the experiences that become stories*

## Walk the Coffee Plantations

*Stroll through rows of shade-grown Araku coffee — a GI-tagged crop revered by world-class baristas — and watch the harvest in season.*

## Watch Dhimsa Tribal Dance

*The ancient Dhimsa dance is an evening performance of extraordinary energy — colourful, rhythmic, and deeply moving.*

## Camp Under Stars

*At 900+ metres, light pollution is near zero. An Araku night sky is a celestial experience that rivals any in South India.*

## Misty Hills Jeep Ride

*Early morning jeep rides through coffee estates and tribal villages offer a perspective no walking trail can match.*

## Spice & Coffee Shopping

*Tribal cooperative markets offer cardamom, pepper, turmeric, and single-estate coffee at remarkable quality. Every rupee goes to the farmer.*

## Sunset Picnic Viewpoints

*ArakuTrip curates private sunset picnic setups — romantic arrangements with local snacks and the valley glowing amber below.*

## Village Cultural Trails

*Walk through Kondh and Koya tribal villages — experience traditional homes, handloom weaving, and genuine community hospitality.*

## Scenic Dining by ArakuTrip

*Order a traditional Araku meal delivered to your chosen viewpoint, waterfall, or forest clearing — the valley as your dining room.*

TRAVEL RESPONSIBLY

# Safety First — Always

*The Eastern Ghats reward the prepared.Our professional team ensures you travel with confidence.*

## Ghat Road Bends

The Vizag–Araku route contains 36 major hairpin bends. Always use the horn at blind curves and maintain 20–30 km/h on ghat sections.

## Fog & Visibility

October–February mornings can bring dense fog. Delay departure if conditions are poor — use hazard lights and low beam at all times in fog.

## Night Travel Caution

Night driving on ghat roads is strongly discouraged. Wildlife crossings and limited visibility make nighttime routes high-risk.

## Monsoon Road Safety

July–September brings heavy rainfall and occasional landslides. Check NHAI advisories before travel. Some routes may be temporarily closed.

## Mobile Signal Gaps

Signal is weak between Borra Caves, Vanjangi, and Jindhagada. Download offline maps before departure and inform someone of your route.

## Emergency Contacts

Police: 100 · Ambulance: 108 · Forest Rescue: 1926 · ArakuTrip 24/7: +91 98549 75497. Save these before entering low-signal areas.

WHY ARAKUTRIP

# The Complete Journey, Handled

*One call. Every detail. Total peace of mind.*

01

## Driver + Room + Sightseeing

*One comprehensive package covering your vehicle, accommodation, and every*

02

## Food Delivery to Scenic Spots

*Order local Araku cuisine delivered directly to your chosen*

03

## Couple Surprise Setups

*Romantic private setups at private viewpoints — flowers, candles, a curated menu, and a Sunrise Transfer Hideen Places Last-Minute Rescure.*

04

## Packages

*4 AM pickups by experienced hill drivers for Vanjangi, Galikonda, and other sunrise destinations. You wake up to magic, not logistics.*

05

## Access

*Our localnetwork unlocks trails, waterfalls, and viewpoints not listed on any tourist map — the real Araku, experienced by very few.*

06

## Bookings

*Vehicle breakdown, hotel issues, changed plans — our 24/7 team responds immediately to keep your journey moving.*

ARAKUTRIP
CAMP. STAY. EXPLORE

# Ready to Begin *Your Odyssey?*

*Our specialists are ready to plan every detail — from your first call to your last viewpoint. Reach out directly to the right person.*


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**Dear Dear Traveller,**

**We are truly happy and honored to welcome you to the beautiful lands of Araku Valley and the surrounding hill destinations. Your visit means more than just tourism to us. For many local families, tribal communities, drivers, guides, hotels, food stalls, and small businesses, every traveller's arrival supports daily life and livelihoods.**

**These hills, waterfalls, forests, valleys, caves, coffee plantations, and ghats are not just tourist spots to us. They are our home. They are our memories, our culture, and our future.**

**Over the years, Araku has become one of the most loved travel destinations, and we are grateful to every visitor who helped make that happen. But with growing tourism, we are also seeing something painful. Near waterfalls, caves, roadsides, viewpoints, forests, and stays, we often find plastic bottles, food plates, glass bottles, wrappers, and litter left behind.**

**Last year, during an off-season ride through these hills, we personally saw places of natural beauty covered in waste. It hurt deeply.**

**We are not blaming anyone. We are only speaking from the heart. We request you to please treat this land as sacred. Carry back your waste. Respect nature. Protect water streams. Keep viewpoints clean. Let the next traveller see the same beauty you came to enjoy.**

**Not only Araku — every place in India deserves this care.**

**Clean surroundings begin with simple civic sense and small responsible actions. If each of us does a little, together we protect something priceless.**

**You are not just a visitor here. You are now part of this place's story.**
**Thank you for travelling with heart.**

**With gratitude,**
**Team ArakuTrip**